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PASS TO COUNSELOR HART AT OOB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IS, JO, ENRG, EQIP

SUBJECT: POWER POLITICS ON THE WEST BANK  
REF: HART/MCBRIDE TELECON

1. DE LAVAL TURBINE INC. OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH NABLUS MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ON LATTER'S DESIRE TO PURCHASE THREE DIESEL TURBINE ENGINES (6900 H.P. EACH) FOR ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION. TOTAL VALUE OF DEAL APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.

2. DE LAVAL CLAIMS THAT NABLUS AUTHORITIES ORIGINALLY CONTRACTED FOR ENGINES WITH WEST GERMAN FIRM BUT THAT DEAL FELL THROUGH WHEN ISRAELIS REFUSED TO GRANT "LICENSE" TO GERMANS  
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TO SHIP UNITS ACROSS ISRAEL TO NABLUS. ACCORDING DE LAVAL, ISRAELIS ARE PLANNING TO EXTEND ISRAEL'S INTERNAL POWER GRID INTO THE WEST BANK AND ARE DETERMINED TO BLOCK NABLUS OR ANY OTHER WEST BANK LOCALITY FROM ACQUIRING OR IMPROVING ANY INDEPENDENT POWER GENERATING CAPABILITY. DE LAVAL SAYS NABLUS AUTHORITIES HAVE RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM "SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES" AND ARE PREPARED TO PAY CASH FOR DIESEL

UNITS. COMPANY ASKS WHETHER THERE IS ANY CHANCE THAT ISRAEL,  
HAVING DENIED GERMANS,MIGHT GRANT "LICENSE" TO U.S. FIRM.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND ANY INFORMA-  
TION AVAILABLE ON THIS PARTICULAR DEAL OR ON LARGER QUES-  
TION OF WHETHER GOI IS SEEKING TO HALT DEVELOPMENT OF ANY  
DISTINCTIVE WEST BANK INFRASTRUCTURE.

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## Message Attributes

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